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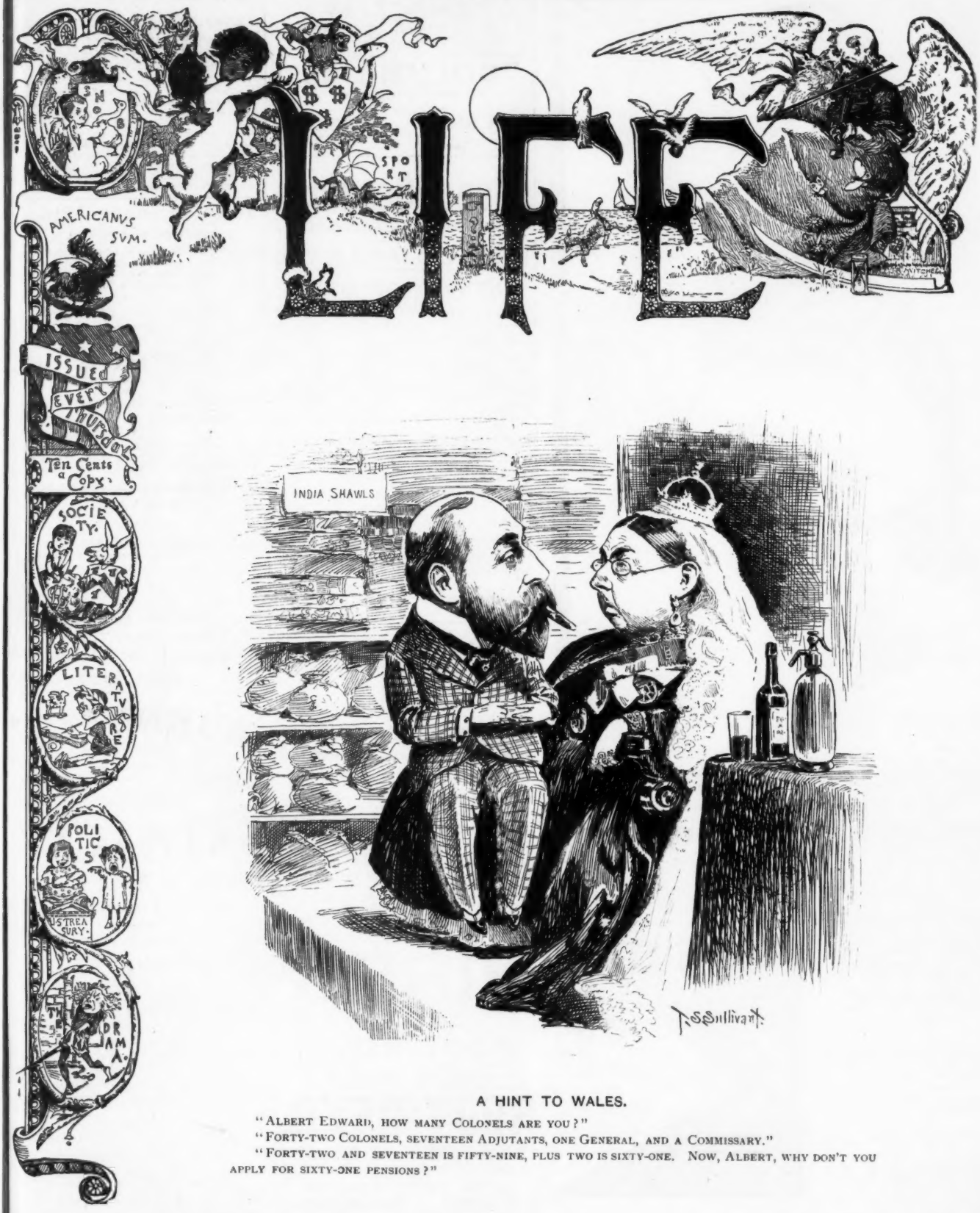

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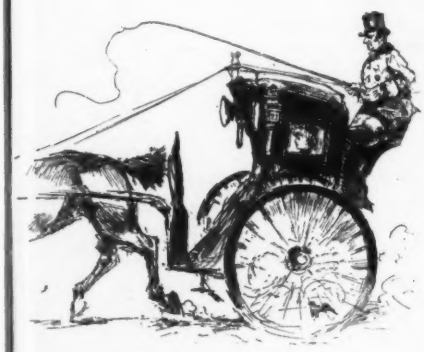
AN ANSWER FOR THE ANXIOUS—MUCH DELAYED.

He (class of '90): WHEN ADAM DELVED AND EVE SPAN, WHO WAS THEN THE GENTLEMAN?
She: WHEN CAIN CAME BACK FROM COLLEGE, HE PROBABLY THOUGHT CAIN WAS—UNLESS THINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED MIGHTILY.



DRIVER OF HANSOM CAB (*to young lady*): Yes, Miss, it's a dollar and a 'arf an hour, but I'll have to charge you fifty cents hextra, 'cos you knew every one of the swells we met in the Park, and I couldn't let the horse down in his haction not for a minute!

DEAD men write no poems.

OF COURSE HE CAME.

DASHAWAY: I don't see why Travers don't come. I invited him to dine with me.

CLEVERTON: Did he understand that you were to pay for the dinner?

DASHAWAY: Of course.

CLEVERTON: Here he is.

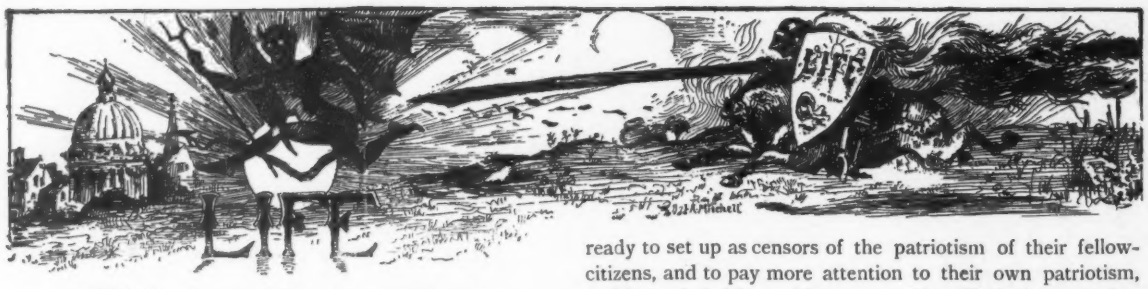
A GLUT ON THE MARKET.

RAZZLE: I bet I can keep an umbrella longer than anyone.

DAZZLE: Does that belong to you?

RAZZLE: Yes.

DAZZLE: No wonder.



"While there's Life there's Hope."

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SEVERAL weeks ago, when the unveiling of Gen. Lee's monument was going on, and there was so much clamor about the show of Confederate flags at Richmond, a Republican paper in the western part of New York ventured, under the inspiration of a new editor, to surmise that there was not much more than a sentiment left in the old rebel flag, and that when it was hung out, as it was in Richmond, it was merely in evidence of a natural tenderness for auld lang syne, and was no indication at all of festering sedition. So this journal concluded that the display at Richmond was harmless, and that nothing severe was necessary to be said about it.

Among the patrons of the paper were a squad of the Grand Army of the Republic, numbering among them a reasonable proportion of incurable Grand Army blatherskites, who snorted when they saw that article, and resolved upon discipline. So they signed and published an exhortation to the paper to reverse its sentiments and swallow its words, under penalty of "stop my paper if you don't." For twenty-four hours the newspaper hesitated, while, possibly, the counting-room was computing what the Grand Army protest represented, and what it would cost to disregard it. The second morning appeared an abject apology and reversal of judgment, coupled with a promise not to do it again, and with the usual expression of entire devotion to "Old Glory," and of due hostility to all other banners whatever. Having successfully accomplished this feat, the Grand Army men notified their member of Congress to introduce a bill prohibiting the display of any flag other than the flag of the United States in any public parade, or for decoration in this country. The draft of the proposed bill went to Washington, and, if the Member is unwise enough, may be introduced.

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THIS incident is not here related to illustrate the degree of poltroonery that is possible to a newspaper, but merely as an example of the sort of thing that the more injudicious Grand Army men are capable of doing when they are so disposed. It would become them mightily to be less ready to set up as censors of the patriotism of their fellow-citizens, and to pay more attention to their own patriotism, and how their fellow-citizens regard it. Their influence has been very great; their political power is still considerable; but it has been so abused that there are sure indications that it is waning. Politicians of both parties have quarrelled for the soldier vote, and are ready to keep on grovelling as long as there is anything to be got by it. Mr. Ingalls, under the shadow of an election pending in Kansas, has the assurance to stand up in the Senate and suggest the accumulation of a new national debt to provide money for the payment of pension measures yet to be devised. There seems to be nothing that the American people have got, or that their credit can provide, that claim agents are not anxious to distribute to ex-soldiers, and that such demagogues as Ingalls are not ready to concede. As for the ex-soldiers themselves, it is not held that they are unduly clamorous for pensions, but they are ready to take anything that is offered, and to be represented by whoever talks the loudest, and makes the longest list of their deserts. How about Tanner, whom Public Opinion kicked out of office? Has he lost caste among his pals? Dear, no! At the invitation of the G. A. R. post at Auburn he was 4th of July orator there, and had to refuse other invitations to keep his appointment.

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THE people have been very tender of the old soldier, but when the old soldier organized, and under the leadership of plunderers, becomes a power in politics, and invites corruption, it is time to exhort the old soldier to be more tender of the people. He is alienating their affections. The Grand Army button is becoming a questionable honor, and men begin to ask themselves when they see it, whether it stands more for services in the past, or for expectations of future cash. The pension grab that passed the other day, after it had once become a law, found many critics and few defenders. Partisan journals, that never criticised a pension bill before, found courage to censure it, and journals that have always spoken for honest pension legislation, condemned it without arousing the clamor that they have been used to expect. But a timid journal might well take heart and speak out about a bill that Ingalls argued for, and that was opposed by Hawley.

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LET our Grand Army friends take heed to themselves and their reputations. Their patriotism is reasonably suspected of a mercenary taint, and jealousy and distrust of them find place in minds that are neither disposed nor used to cherish such sentiments. Their soldier hats are not Mambrino helmets. Let them take care that they may not have reason to wish they were.

LIFE'S LOTTERY.

(WITH A DRAWING.)

I.

THEY stood together under the stars,
Young and fair, and for once alone,
She, with the blush-rose of love on her cheek,
He, hoping and wishing, yet fearing to speak,
'Till the moment for speaking had flown.

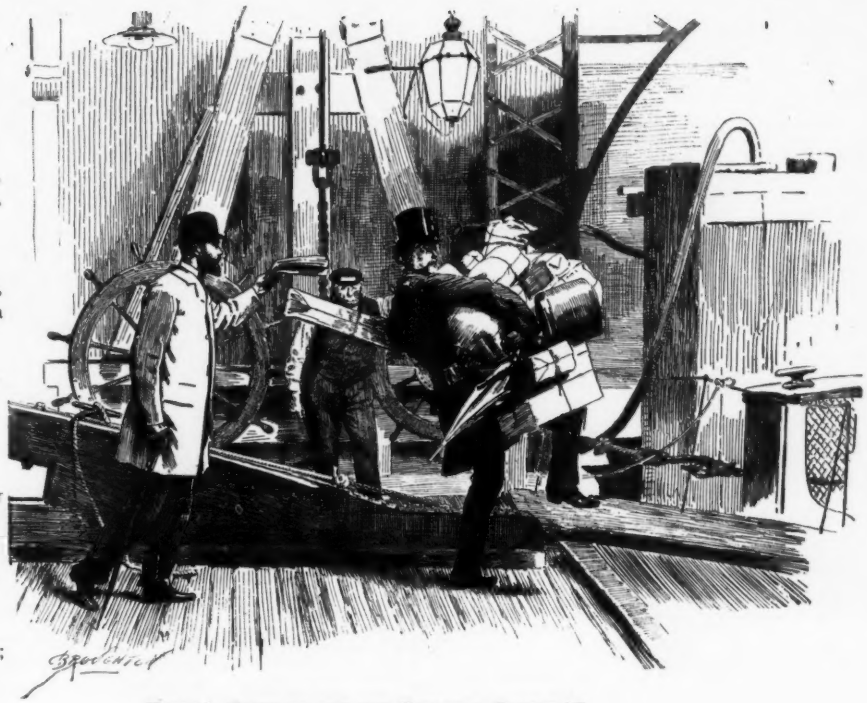
II.

Time swept relentless. When next they met,
In her husband's carriage she passed—a queen.
"Even so," he thought, with a bitter sigh,
"Did the chance for happiness pass me by,"
"That night when 'it might have been?'"

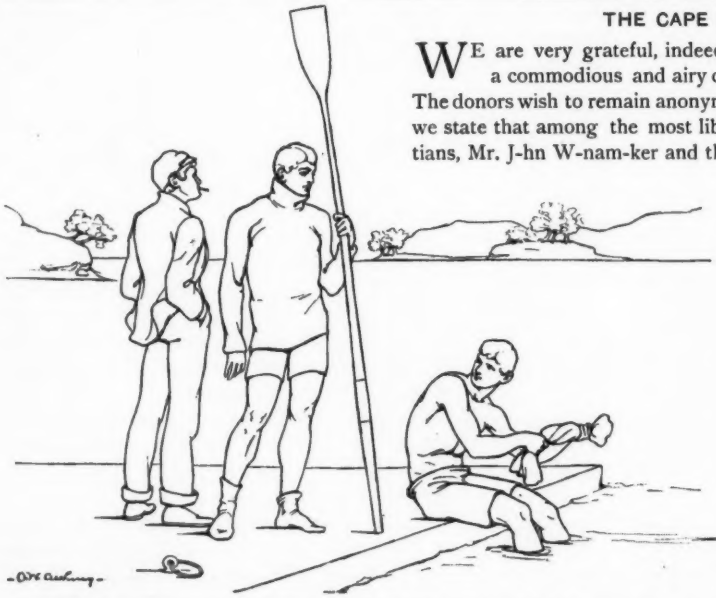
III.

Again he stood with a beating heart,
And pondered, where through the Summer rain,
A mournful procession slowly wound
Its stately way toward the burial ground.
'Twas her husband's funeral train.

"And where is the drawing?" the reader cries;
Friend, it is left to your own good sense
To draw from the facts as given above
In the line of your heart's idea of love,
An obvious inference.



HELLO! GOING TO JOIN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH?"
"NO, I AM NOT."
"YOU SEEM TO BE EMBRACING THE THIRTY-NINE ARTICLES."



First Cornell Oarsman: WHY IS IT, HARVARD WILL ONLY ROW AGAINST ONE CREW?

Second Cornell Oarsman: I SUPPOSE IT'S BECAUSE SHE WANTS TO BE SURE OF SECOND PLACE.

THE CAPE MAY FRESH-AIR FUND.

WE are very grateful, indeed, to some kind friends who have given us a a commodious and airy cottage for the enjoyment of our little charges. The donors wish to remain anonymous, but we are betraying no confidence when we state that among the most liberal subscribers are those disinterested Christians, Mr. J-hn W-nam-ker and the Hon. M-tthew S. Q-ay.

Little Ben Harrison was one of our guests this week. As he saw the waves for the first time, he clapped his little hands and said "Goo-goo" in a way that would have brought tears to every mother's eyes.

The postmaster at Squak Hollow sends us 1 pr. of knit socks for Baby McKee. Thanks, kind postmaster!

We are greatly in need of two folding beds and a strip of carpeting for the cellar stairs.

A party of friends from the First Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis visited us last week, and were regaled with raspberry syrup and raised biscuit in the parlor. They expressed themselves as greatly pleased with our improved surroundings.

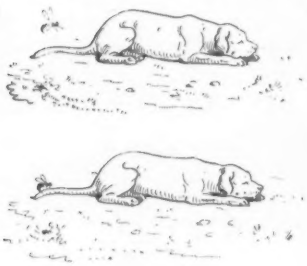
Col. Elliot F. Shepard is coming down one evening next week. He will make faces and repeat Mother Goose rhymes to amuse the children.

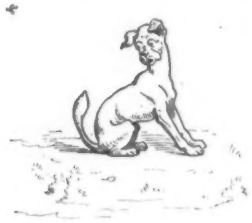
Pension Post, No. 46, G. A. R. gave us $10 last Thursday to celebrate their joy at the signing of the Dependent Pension Bill by the President.

Remember, kind friends, that we are always ready for your gifts, and that nothing will come amiss.

Metcalfe.

ALL'S WELL THAT DOESN'T END SWELL.





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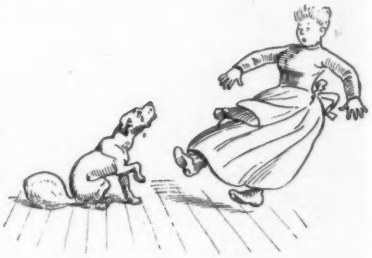

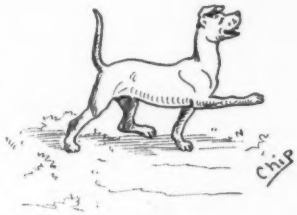

BOOKISHNESS

HENLEY'S "VIEWS AND REVIEWS."

W. E. HENLEY, the Scotchman, whose "Book of Verses" made such a reputable circle of friends for him, has collected what he calls "a mosaic of scraps and shreds, recovered from the shot rubbish of some fourteen years of journalism" into a neatly-printed volume, entitled "Views and Reviews" (Scribner's). Many papers are represented here—*The Athenæum, Saturday Review, Vanity Fair* and *Scot's Observer*, showing the range of audience for which these criticisms were written. They are grouped under certain eminent names in literature, fiction writers being rather in the ascendant. The only thread on which these diverse beads can be strung is the "unity which comes of method and an honest regard for letters."

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AS for the "method," it aims at judicial fairness, the usual form of these short essays being a paragraph summarizing the best that can be said for an author, followed by a paragraph stating with equal vigor the position of those who do not admire his work; and then a clear, somewhat fervid statement of Mr. Henley's own view, which generally leans toward the side of admiration for the writer discussed. He impresses one as a genuine Scot, doing his best to emancipate himself from the national trait which espouses one side or the other with unreasonable ardor. Mr. Henley's emancipation carries him through the statement of both sides of the question. Then the *ardor Scotorum* gets the better of him and he "sails in" like a good hero-worshipper or iconoclast.

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HIS taste in fiction is strong for the Romancists—Dickens, Dumas, Meredith, Hugo. For these he has the enthusiasm of a disciple—saying what has been said before, perhaps, but phrasing it gracefully and with a considerable force of antithesis, which, however, becomes tiresome when used so frequently. But for Disraeli he steps beyond the bounds of conventional praise and heaps upon his fiction unstinted adulation of the kind which the eloquent Earl's admirers used to reserve for his oratory. Disraeli "gives you no time to weary of him, for he is worldly and passionate, fantastic and trenchant, cynical

AS THE ORPHANS PASSED.

Uncle H.: SHE DON'T LOOK IT, MIRANDA, DOES SHE?
Miranda: LOOK WHAT, DEAR?
Uncle H.: THE MOTHER OF THAT FAMILY.

and ambitious, flippant and sentimental, ornately rhetorical and triumphantly simple in a breath. Intellectually he is in sympathy with character of every sort," The tone of this estimate suggests that it may have been written for a party newspaper before the death of the great Tory leader.

Mr. Henley has also one or two pronounced antipathies in fiction—notably, Thackeray and George Eliot. His effort to be fair cannot conceal his distaste for Thackeray's always-apparent effort to represent the Gentlemanly Interest in literature. He resents this as an affectation of superiority—and so labels the gentle satirist as an "average clubman *plus* genius and a style."

George Eliot is dismissed with a handful of epigrams—best among them the one that says of her books, "it is doubtful whether they are novels disguised as treatises or treatises disguised as novels." *Droch.*

NEW BOOKS.

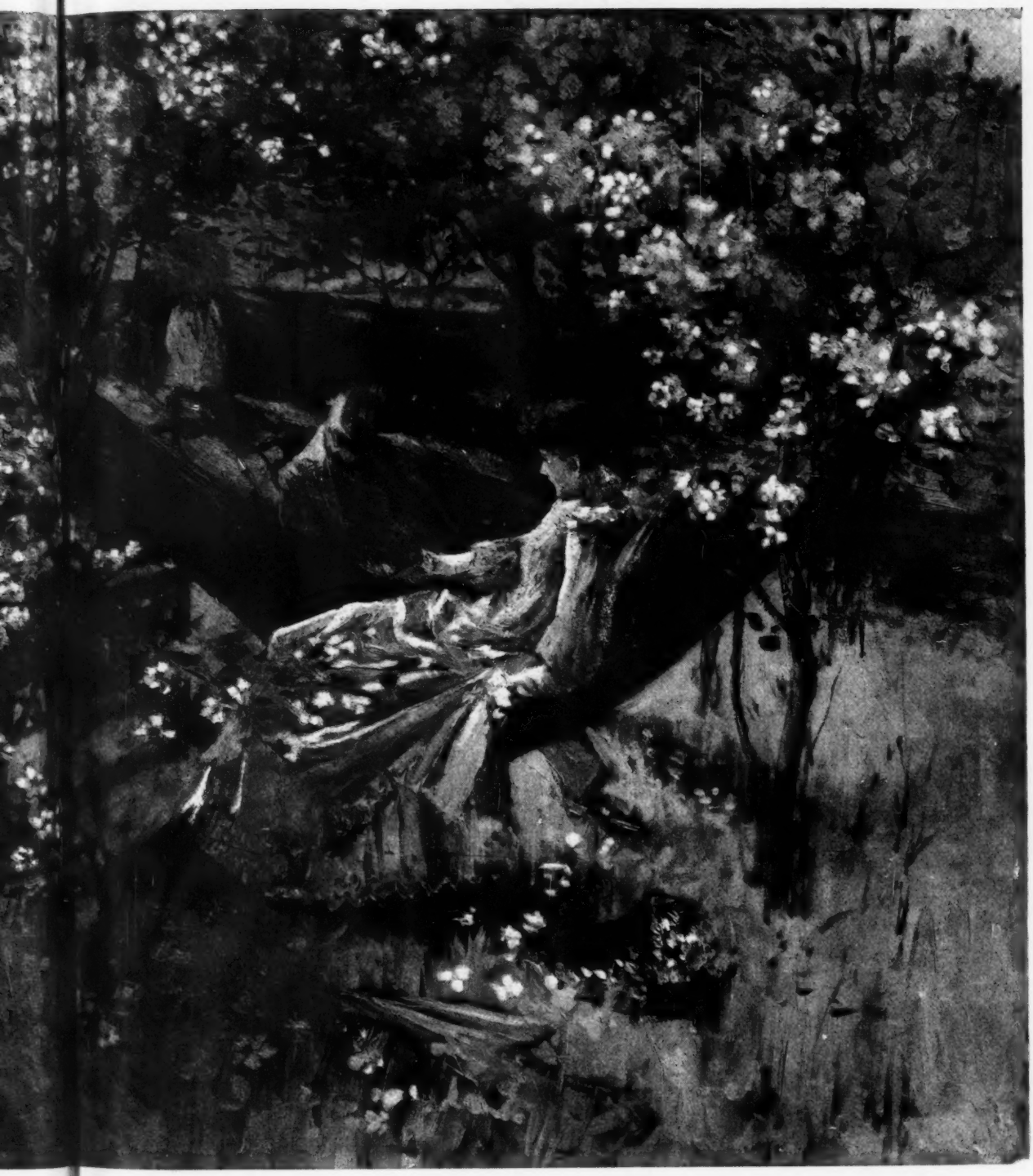
HENRIK IBSEN'S PROSE DRAMAS. Edited by William Archer. New York: Scribner & Welford.

Armorel of Lyonesse. By Walter Besant. New York: Harper & Brothers.

WE don't know what Heaven is like, but if it doesn't come up to our expectations there won't be anybody there to remind us of the fact by croaking "I told you so." There is a different place reserved for that ilk.

"BUCKING THE TIGER."

"IN THE SPRING"—AND ALL T
"A YOUNG MAN'S FANCY LIG



G"—AND ALL THROUGH SUMMER,—
AN'S FANCY LIGHTLY TURNS"—ETC.

LIFE'S PRIMER.

A JUDICIOUS use of this book will lighten the toil of the teacher, and at the same time awaken in the pupil a desire for knowledge that will be as far reaching as it is permanent.

A Garb.

A Garb-age.

Ann has a pet cat.
It is a black cat.
The cat has green eyes.
Ann has blue eyes.
Tom has a black eye.

Do we go up?
We do go up.
Up, up we go.
See us go up.

"DID THE TEACHER PUNISH YOU FOR NOT KNOWING ENOUGH?"
"NO, FOR KNOWING TOO MUCH. I SASSED HER BACK."

SHORT OF MATTER.

Great Magazine Editor: WE ARE VERY SHORT OF MATTER. ALL THE GREAT GENERALS, NOTORIOUS POLITICIANS, FAMOUS LAWYERS, POPULAR ACTRESSES, EMINENT PHYSICIANS AND PROMINENT SCIENTISTS SEEM TO BE TOO BUSY TO WRITE FOR US JUST NOW.

Assistant (meditatively): PERHAPS WE MIGHT GET SOME ARTICLES FROM LITERARY MEN.

Great Editor: GOOD IDEA! I'LL MAKE A TOUR OF THE POOR HOUSES TO-MORROW.

OUR PRESIDENT OUT FOR A WALK.

POURQUOI?

"WHY do you live?" the Eastern sage
Asks of the Buddhist sinner;
"Life is a vast, unsheltered waste,
And death a ruthless thinner."

In occult Boston, too, the maid
Fresh from her Alma Mater,
Propounds the question thuslywise:
"What is your *raison d'être?*"

John James Meehan.

A BIG CRASH.

"THAT big fireworks company has gone up."

"What's the matter; bad business management?"

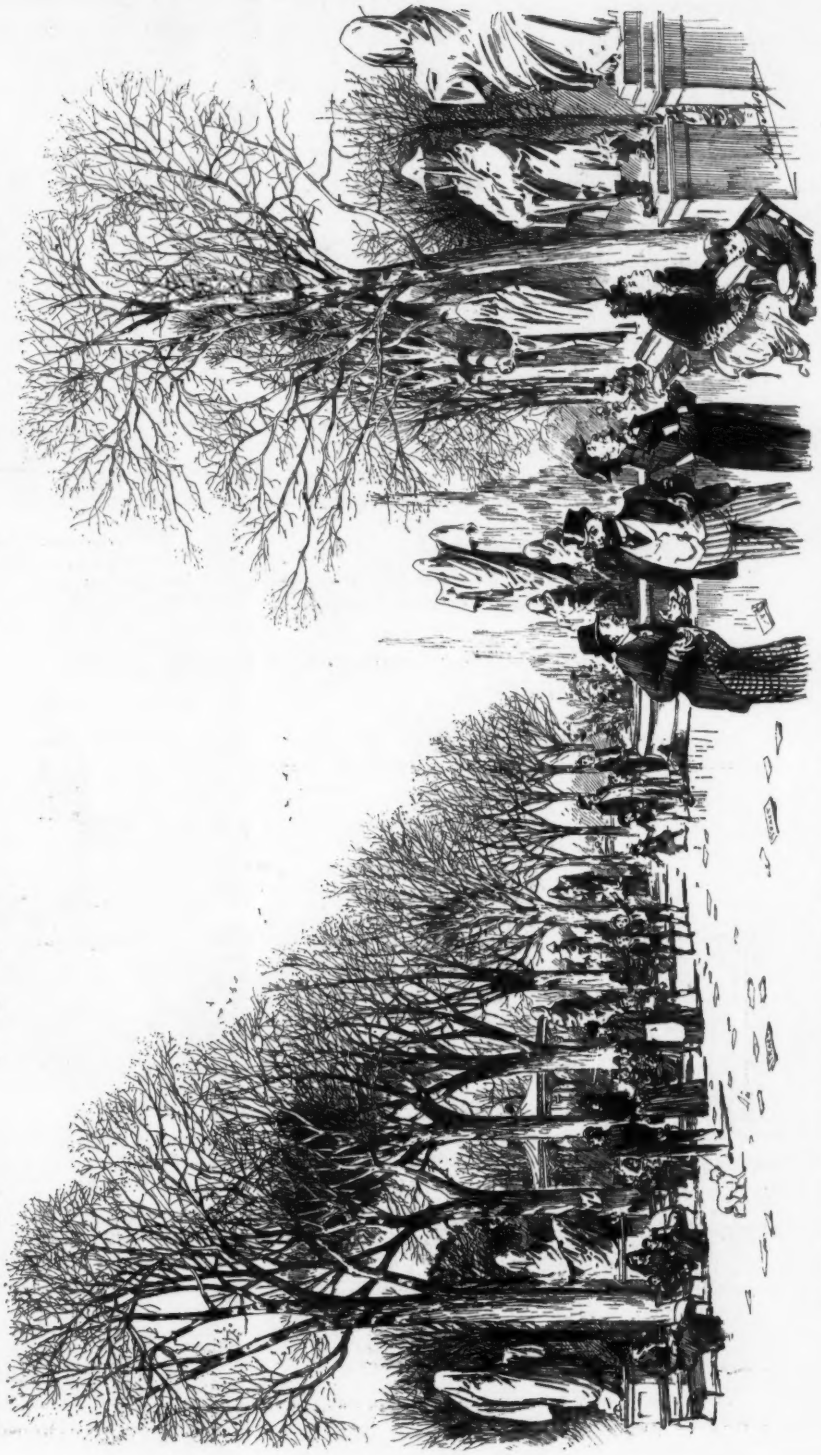
"No; cigarette smoking while taking stock."

OVERHEARD IN WASHINGTON.

SECRETARY (*pausing*): By-the-way, Mr. President, h-how do you spell *incubus?*

THE PRESIDENT (*sharply*): With a Q, of course.

SPEAKING of etymologies, it is said that the word "doat" was invented by a Harlem poet. The reason is obvious.



IF THE OBJECTS OF ART IN THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM ARE CONCEALED FROM THE PUBLIC ON SUNDAYS, WHY NOT APPLY THE SAME SYSTEM TO THOSE OUT OF DOORS? ARE THEY LESS IMMORAL?

INCIDENTS OF NEW YORK'S WATER FAMINE.

Wife: WELL, CHARLIE, WHAT WOULD WE BETTER DO, WASH TOMMY'S FACE, OR HAVE BOILED POTATOES FOR DINNER?

Husband: VERY SORRISH, MY LOVE, BUT I (HIC) COULDN'T GET WATER TO DRINK; HAD TO TAKE BEER (HIC).

A NEW color is coming into fashion. It is called "Saloon red," and is much used for decorative purposes.

A "GREEN OLD AGE" is the attribute of the venerable victim of the bunco man.

ALWAYS in hot water—Heat.

HE WAS SO PLAINLY CHECKED, THE BAGGAGE MEN DID IT FROM FORCE OF HABIT.

Judge: WHAT IS THE CHARGE, OFFICER?
Officer: USING THE CITY'S WATER TO WASH HIS FACE WITH.
Judge: SIX MONTHS.

HIS RESIDENCE.

BRIGGS: Where are you living now?
GRIGGS: Nowhere. I'm boarding in Brooklyn.

NOW that Stanley has found Livingstone and rescued Emin Pasha, he may have considerable difficulty in striking another job suited to his talents; but if he can wait until 1893, he can get one looking for B. Harrison.

AVT SCISSORS AVT NVLLVS

IF you by gold are ever led
To seek a husband, ladies,
Think of sad Proserpine who wed
The Plutocrat of Hades!—*Puck.*

MR. S. I. FERRY: Broadway and Fulton Street is the liveliest corner in America.

MR. L. TRAIN: Humph! A few more subway explosions will make it the deadliest!—*Puck.*

SOME ten or twelve years ago an incident happened at Gibraltar which illustrates the practical views of a certain class of people. A subaltern named O'Donohue was the officer of the guard at the Elphinstone Guard. At this point of the well-known rock there is a sheer drop of over one thousand feet. A lieutenant, who had taken too much champagne at a mess dinner, walked over the rock and undoubtedly was dead before he reached the rocks far below. When the officer of the guard, upon being relieved, made out the report of his guard, he made no mention of the fact.

Indeed, when he came to fill in his report and reached the question, "Has anything extraordinary happened while you were officer of the guard?" he wrote in the blank space reserved for the answer, "Nothing."

Of course he was summoned before Lord Napier, of Magdala, the Governor of Gibraltar. When he appeared, Lord Napier asked:

"You were officer of the guard at Elphinstone Guard yesterday?"

"I was, sir."

"And this is your report?"

"It is, sir."

"Lieutenant M—— was killed by walking over the rock?"

"He was, sir."

"You knew that when you made out your report?"

"I did, sir."

"That he was killed?"

"Yes, sir."

"And yet you said in your report that nothing extraordinary had happened on your guard?"

"I did, sir."

"Well, Mr. O'Donohue," said Lord Napier, sternly, "don't you think it is extraordinary when a lieutenant walks over the rock, falls one thousand feet, and is killed?"

"Indeed, sir," was the prompt reply, "I should think it was extraordinary if he had fallen that far and not been killed."—*Argonaut.*

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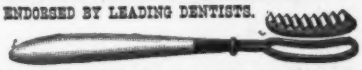

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